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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**STORAGE AREA NETWORK METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATION AND  
INTERFACING WITH MULTIPLE PLATFORMS**

the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto:

was filed on October 5, 2001  
as Application Serial No. 09/972,010  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed
<u>None</u> (Number)	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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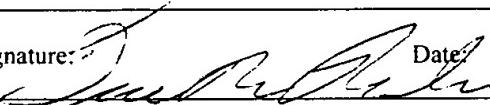
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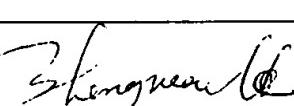
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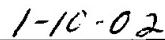
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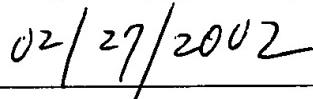
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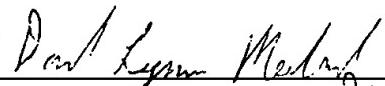
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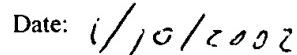
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